

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Benda, et al.
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Title: LONG PERIOD FIBER BRAGG GRATINGS
WRITTEN WITH ALTERNATE SIDE IR LASER
ILLUMINATION

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 11, 2003.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 11, 2003, the Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I - claims 1-10, drawn to a method of optical fiber manufacture;

Group II - claims 11-19, drawn to a system for optical fiber manufacture using two mirrors and a laser;

Group III - claim 20, drawn to an optical fiber.